

# **THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST**

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1. Bolivia

a. Barrientos and a military cabinet are in charge, but their chances for a long tenure appear slim.

b. Barrientos currently has widespread public and military support, and the situation is stabilizing for the present. Opposition will inevitably develop, however, and a power struggle within the ruling group cannot be ruled out.

c. General Ovando, who was sharing the leadership with Barrientos for a while, has resigned for reasons that are unclear. The men in the military cabinet are better than average officers, but have no experience in political affairs.

d. Lechin has given his public approval of the present set up and has asked his followers to accept the situation. We suspect this is only a tactical move. The chances for leftist gains in the new government have by no means been eliminated.

## 2. Congo

a.  another, slightly garbled, radio communiqué issued by Gbenye, this one declaring his American and Belgian hostages to be prisoners of war.

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b. He apparently intends to talk with the OAU about their release. He says he would welcome on OAU delegation in Stanleyville.

c. The Belgians in Leopoldville told our embassy yesterday that they had heard Gbenye's radio order rebel area commanders to bring all Europeans to Stanleyville. Gbenye probably hopes this will strengthen his hand if and when negotiations begin.

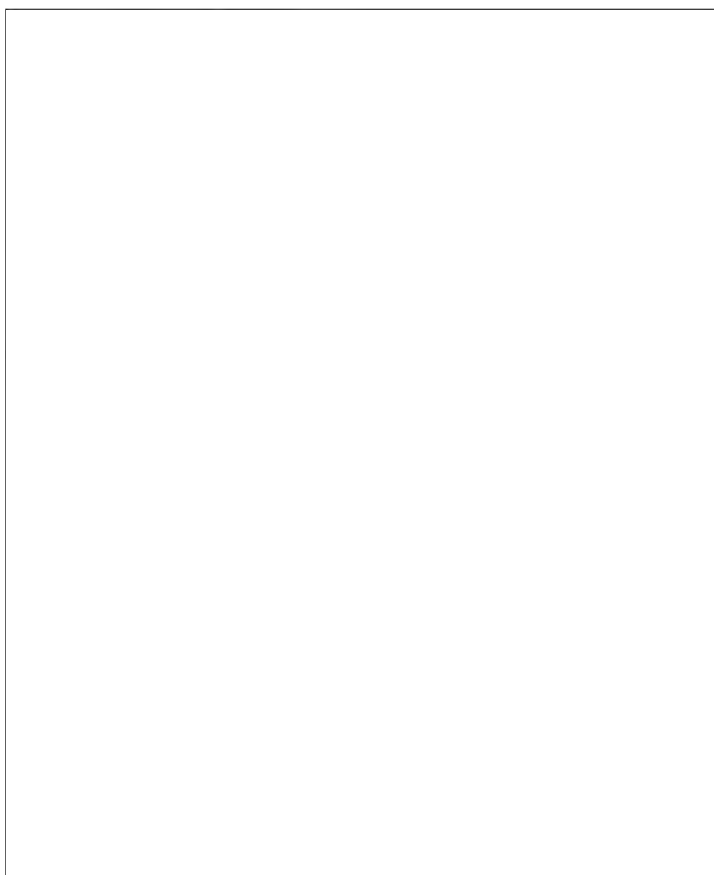
d. The rebels also appear to be stepping up their efforts to collect more European prisoners.

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3. Mali -  
Communist China

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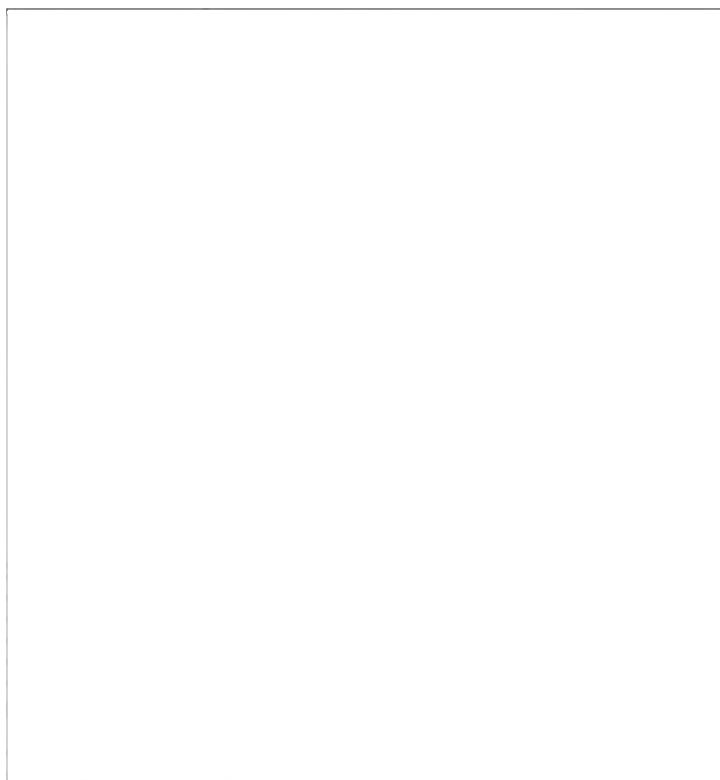


4. Venezuela-Cuba

a. FALN guerrillas may be  
kicking off another major offen-  
sive.

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b. The Caracas press has reported serious bombings of US-owned oil facilities in northeastern Venezuela during the past week.



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f. Cuban propaganda on the FALN is approaching the high level it attained last year when the FALN made its all-out effort against Betancourt.



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## 5. South Vietnam

a. Premier Huong's fledgling government is already running into trouble.

b. Buddhist and Catholic students are threatening to demonstrate this weekend over Huong's policy of separating politics and religion. They have been encouraged by moderate Buddhist leader Thich Tam Chau.

c. The recently resigned Chairman of the High National Council has added his critical voice to those of the students. Chu claims Huong's government is not representative of South Vietnam's political factions.

d. Huong says he will deal sternly with any demonstrations. Military leaders have said previously that they would give him their full support.

e. We are not certain that this still holds if strong civilian opposition develops.

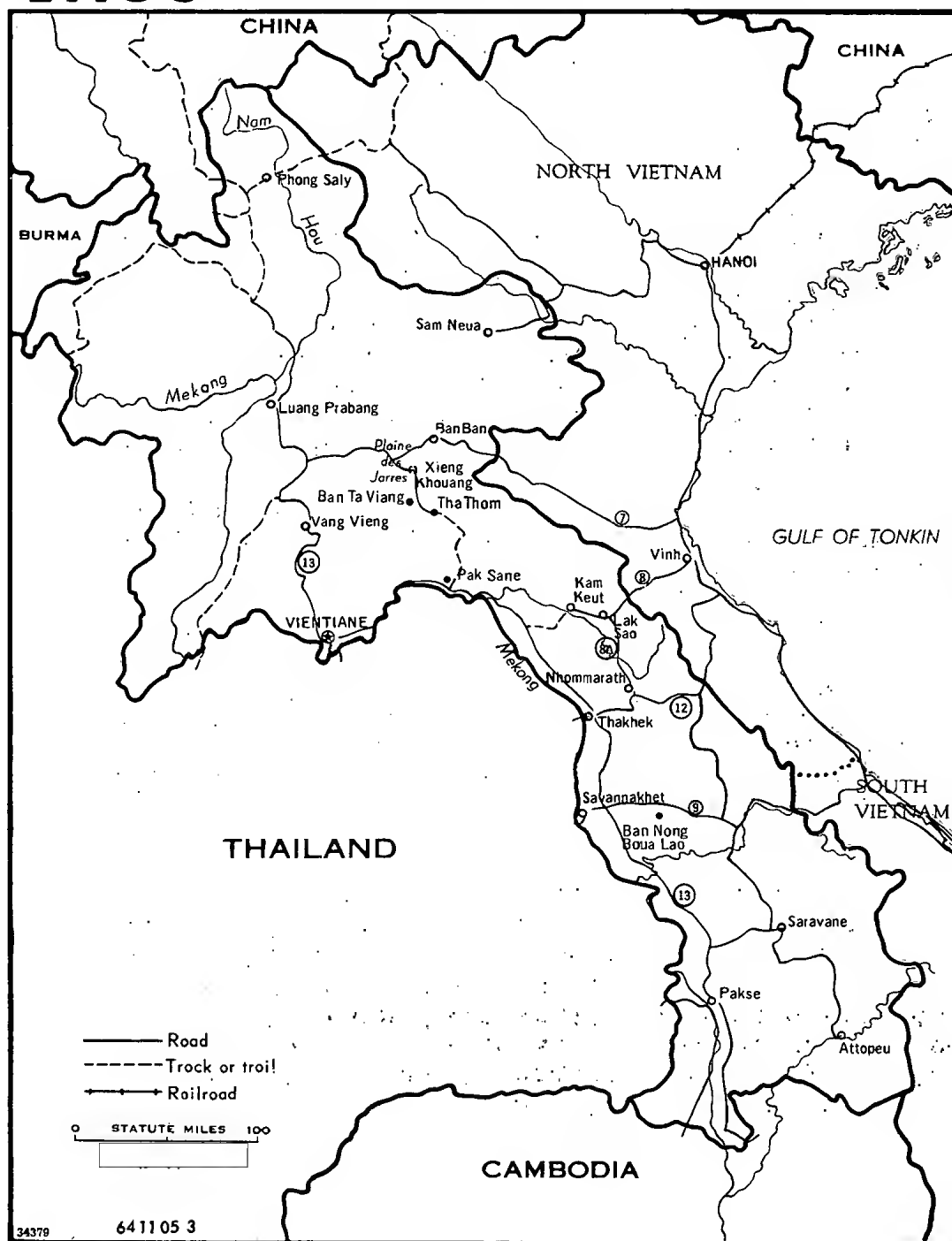
NOTES

- A. USSR Brezhnev, belying reports that he was out of sight because of a heart attack, made public appearances on Wednesday and Thursday. His occasional disappearance from public notice may reflect the new regime's sharp division of party and government affairs, with party activities under Brezhnev getting little publicity compared to Premier Kosygin's state functions. Brezhnev, however, is slated to make "the" speech at the anniversary celebration tomorrow, an honor Kosygin received in 1962.
- B. Czechoslovakia-USSR Novotny apparently intends to show his independence by skipping the 7 November Moscow meeting of bloc leaders. This puts him in the same category as Rumanian party first secretary Gheorghiu-Dej, also a stay-at-home. Prague still has not criticized Khrushchev, and Moscow has thanked all the East European leaders, except Novotny, for their congratulatory messages to Brezhnev and Kosygin.
- C. Cuba - Dominican Republic

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# LAOS



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D. Laos The Pathet Lao are beginning to show stiffer resistance to rightist military initiatives. South of Xieng Khouang Town, reinforced Communist forces have stalled a government advance northward from positions at Tha Thom and Ban Ta Viang. Farther south, right-wing forces east of Savannakhet have been turned back in their efforts to clear the Pathet Lao from the Ban Nong Boua Lao area.

E. Yemen The royalists and republicans have agreed on a ceasefire to begin on 8 November. Another meeting on 23 November will open what will probably be difficult and prolonged negotiations on a political settlement.

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F. USSR

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G. USSR-Turkey Turkish Foreign Minister Erkin's trip to Moscow has apparently produced nothing really new. He told Ambassador Kohler yesterday that both sides agreed to "improve the atmosphere," increase trade, and make arrangements for cultural exchanges.

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